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Budget: During 1971-72, a sum of Rs.1,70,180 was spent out of a budget provision of Rs.1,57,000 on the non-Plan side and a sum of Rs.1,02,000 was provided on the plan side out of which Rs. 75,650 was spent. For 1972-73 a sum of Rs.1,69,000 has been provided in the budget on the non-Plan side and a sum of Rs. 84,200 on the plan side.

Accession of Records: 18,069 files, and Reports of the Law Department of Punjab Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh; Superintendent of Police, Bhatinda; Commissioner of Jullunder Division and Deputy Commissioner of Gurdaspur were received. Besides, 4 files (694 pages) relating to the cases against S. Sewa Singh Thikriwala, a freedom fighter, were also acquired.

Arrangement of Records: 36,976 files of Repsu records were arranged and paginated. Besides, 149 Bastas of records were re-labelled and 10,557 pages of files were paginated. Records of the Barnala Sub-Division (District Sangrur) for the period 1931-34 were also arranged.

Appraisal of Records: 2,100 files of the Patiala State Finance Department were appraised. 408 other files were also examined. No weeding rules have been framed as yet.

Research and Reference: 30 Research Scholars availed themselves of the research facilities. 64 queries from Government agencies and 86 queries from private persons and agencies were attended to.

Reference Media: New lists of 5,403 files were prepared. Index cards of 1,997 files were made. The subject heads of 1,535 Urdu and Persian files were translated into English and a Press List of 4 files pertaining to English records was prepared. A catalogue of Manuscripts and rare documents is under preparation.

Preservation of Records: 3,61,188 sheets were flattened; 26,441 sheets were guarded and 272 sheets were repaired with acetate foils. 1,058 sheets were repaired with Tissue papers, 178 sheets were repaired with chiffon and 2,080 sheets were bound in volumes.

The photo duplication set was purchased during the last quarter of 1971-72.

Library: 225 books were acquired.

Other Importance Activities: The State Archives participated in All India Exhibition of Fine Arts, Paintings Handicrafts etc. held at Ranbir College, Sangrur from 22nd to 26th January 1972. The Department also participated in an Exhibition held at Phillour from 17th to 23rd February 1972.

The Director, Punjab State Archives visited various Districts/Sub-Divisional Records Offices of the Punjab Government and gave instructions for the proper maintenance and preservation of old records.

The Director, delivered a speech on "Preservation of Old Records" and the same was relayed by the All India Radio.